Two sides of the same coin?
Integration and antiracism in Switzerland

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Core Concepts
Swiss public philosophy of integration
the core ideas, norms and values that sustain the policy domain of immigration, integration and citizenship in contemporary Switzerland (Favell 2001)
The politics of antiracism
public conceptions, activities and practices, coalitions and organizations that share the commitment to undo racism (Goldberg 2009, 18)

Research Questions
— Does the Swiss public grammar of integration generate conceptions, activities, practices, coalitions and organizations that are committed to undo racism in the Swiss context? Does it, on the contrary, block the public expression of antiracism?
— Do racial minorities committed to undo racism refer to the public grammar of integration?
— Do public authorities connect the grammar of integration with the grammar of antiracism? How does their use of the grammar of integration effect upon the politics of antiracism?

Hypotheses
Paradoxical relations:
— Integration amplifies and legitimizes the public expression of antiracism
— Integration produces a form of "antiracialism" (Goldberg 2009) which is uneffective against structural racism and its colonial underpinnings

Information and References